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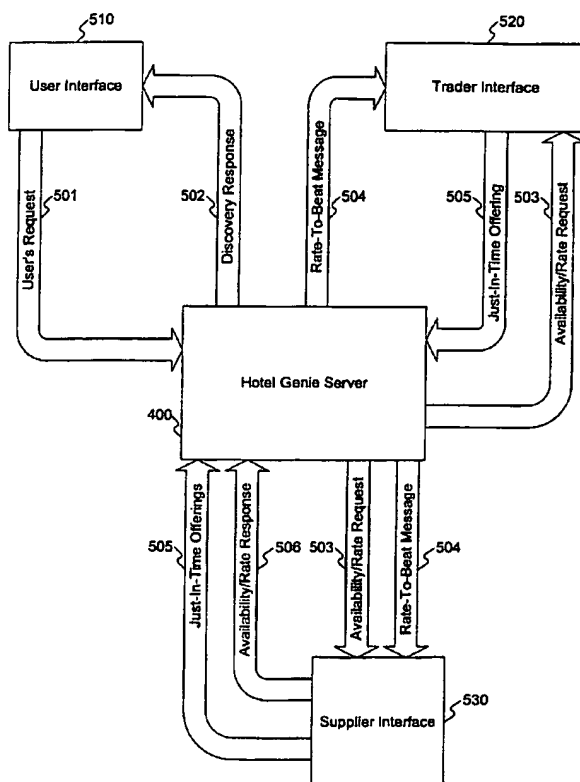
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(57) Abstract: Systems (400) consistent with the present invention provide users (510) information on alternative lodging properties over a network. Such systems (400) receive requests (510) from users (510) reflecting lodging preferences, and the preferences are analyzed to determine a set of alternative lodging properties that provide preferences comparable to the lodging preferences specified in the request (501). The systems (400) then generate a report (502) reflecting the alternative lodging properties and display the report (502) reflecting alternative lodging properties and display the report (502) to the users (510). The system (400) then receive user selections (501) on particular lodging properties of interest, and detailed information (502) associated with each selected lodging property is provided to the user (510). The systems (400) enable users (510) to reserve rooms at selected lodging properties, and receive real-time confirmations of the reservations (506) through the network.

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